

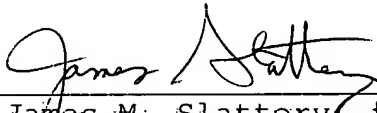
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT					HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL	12	-	20	=	0		\$ 18	\$0.00	
INDEPENDENT	3	-	4	=	0		\$ 88	\$0.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM								\$300	\$0.00
								TOTAL	\$0.00

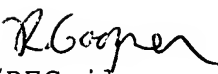
- ☒ Petition for three (3) month(s) extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a). \$980.00 for the extension of time is attached to the concurrently filed Notice of Appeal.
- ☒ No fee is required.
- ☐ Check(s) in the amount of \$0.00 is(are) enclosed.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. This form is submitted in triplicate.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

BIRCH, STEWART, KOLASCH & BIRCH, LLP

By 
James M. Slattery, #28,380


JMS/REG:jls
0365-0531P

P.O. Box 747
Falls Church, VA 22040-0747
(703) 205-8000

Attachment(s)

MS AF
Response Under 37 C.F.R. 1.116
Expedited Procedure Examining
Group: 1744

PATENT
0365-0531P

IN THE U. S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Anne-Christine RITSCHKOFF et al. Conf: 9411
Serial No.: 10/089,447 Group: 1744
Filed: March 29, 2002 Examiner: K. Thornton
For: METHOD OF PROTECTING WOOD

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

October 6, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 7, 2004, the period for response having been extended by three (3) months by the concurrently filed Notice of Appeal, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application:

This Paper includes a Claim Set as Amended and Remarks.